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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES 12/15/09

The Board of Selectmen met in the Town Hall, Joseph F. Bilotta Meeting Room as scheduled with Thomas Alonzo, Paula Bertram, Steven M. deBettencourt, Thomas Mason and Dave Matthews present. Town Manager Kerry Speidel absent. Meeting opened at 7:02 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Dave expressed appreciation to the Fire Department and Fire Chief Glenly for this past Saturday's effort and supplying of starter kits for emergency preparedness. There are still some kits available and if interested residents can stop by the Fire Station. Document for emergency preparedness is also on the website. Chair noted that all the supplies were donated by the Lunenburg Firefighters Association and Unifit was invited as a guest for those people who wanted to speak with them and they were in no way involved with sponsoring the event.

John Baker, 53 Chase Road came before the board to acknowledge the local businesses, Lakeview Landscaping, GMC Chapdelaine as they came up and took care of his properties when he was injured this past spring. He would like to publicly recognize all those that chipped in and helped him out.

David Blatt of Lancaster Ave., spoke with Town Manager and the Chair on the furlough and questioned why it's for one week and not a day or two per quarter, don't understand the reasoning as to why we picked five days in a row. Per Chair totally within the purview of the Town Manager and not ready to explain her reasoning. Per Dave the thinking was with the town hall, shut down the entire building to save on utility efficiencies.

David Blatt, also here because of last week's snow storm and neglect on behalf of the town, Lancaster Ave. was neglected all day long. It's probably the most important road in Lunenburg, have asked the Town Manager about the protocol and spoke with the Selectmen's Office. Chair noted that he spoke with the Town Manager and that she had spoken with the DPW Director and has been told that either he or she will get back to you with an answer.

David Blatt stated that this is utterly disgusting, where we voted a raise for those people and it's utterly disgusting how the road was left. Steve noted the way the snow was coming down, at two inches an hour there's no way we're going to keep up with it. Per David that road was not even touched before 3:00 pm, observed our DPW trucks sitting at Skyview School in Leominster, don't understand.

Dave M. would like to get an update on this next week.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Nashoba Associated Boards of Health *H1N1 Flu Clinic Schedule*: **Berlin**; 12/17, 3:30-5:30PM, Berlin Memorial School, 34 South St, Berlin, **Townsend**; 12/18, 3-6PM, North Middlesex Regional High School, 19 Main St, Townsend, **Shirley**; 12/28, 10AM-4PM, St. Anthony of Padula –Parish Hall, 31 Chapel St, Shirley, **Ashburnham**; 12/30, 12:30-2:30PM, J.R. Briggs Elementary School, 96 Williams Rd, Ashburnham. CHILDREN 9 AND YOUNGER CAN ATTEND THESE CLINICS TO RECEIVE THEIR SECOND DOSE OF THE VACCINE. THE SECOND DOSE MUST BE ADMINISTERED 21-28 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DOSE.

Vaccine administered in accordance with the guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Those guidelines are listed below.

- All persons 6 months to 24 years of age;
- Pregnant women, up to 2 weeks post partum (including after pregnancy loss);
- Household contacts and caregivers of infants younger than 6 months of age;
- Household contacts of pregnant women in their third trimester to ensure their newborns go home to a safe environment; and
- Healthcare personnel with direct patient contact.

Adults 25 - 64 years of age with high risk conditions; high risk conditions include:

- Pulmonary (including asthma)
- Cardiovascular (except hypertension)
- Renal, hepatic, cognitive, hematologic, neurologic/neuromuscular, or metabolic disorders (incl. diabetes mellitus)
- Immunosuppression (incl. that caused by medications or by HIV )

### **APPOINTMENTS**

1. **7:10 PM, Acceptance of Gift – Tom (Mel) Bertram, Lunenburg Snowriders – Drysuit** – Paula as a member of the Lunenburg Snow Riders recused herself from this discussion. Tom Bertram informed the board that the Lunenburg Snow Riders are a group of family orientated snowmobile riders committed to promoting safe and responsible snowmobiling in Lunenburg and the surrounding area. The Snow Riders work with the Conservation Commission clearing, marking trails and building bridges for use by riders, hikers, X-country skiers and horseback riders year-round. They are a part of the larger group SAM (Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts) and through that organization carry an insurance policy and issue stickers required in Massachusetts along with a registration for riding on private property. It is important to note that in the

state of Massachusetts if you open your property for public access you cannot be held liable for damages resulting from an accident. Tom extended his appreciation to all the land owners that have given them permission to use their property, the Conservation Commission, the Selectmen and our members for their continued support. Also, noted the generous gifts that have been donated to the Toy's for Tots campaign and the Lunenburg Family Lions Club Food Bank. Tom presented a Dry Survival Suit that the Lunenburg Snow Riders have donated to the Lunenburg Fire Department. Chief Glenn presented the board with the suit and explained the use for water rescues and expressed appreciation graciously for their donation. Chair expressed appreciation to the group for all their efforts in fundraising and for doing an excellent job for the town. The suit was purchased from funds collected from their annual fund raiser. Chair entertain motion from board to accept the gift of a Drysuit from the Lunenburg Snowriders, Tom M. so moved, Dave seconded voted unanimously (Paula abstained).

**2. 7:15 PM, Continuation Public Hearing, Beer & wine License Application, Bengals Convenience, 21 Main St. –** Chair reconvened the public hearing of December 8, 2009 on the application for a Beer & Wine License. This application is being submitted by Amani Shaker & Medhat Khairalla, d/b/a Bengals Convenience and said license is to be exercised 21 Main Street. Opened the hearing up for comments: Judy Comeau, Trudies Treats, 3 Lancaster Ave. informed the board that she has done some research with area towns, and noted that all the licenses that are applied for doesn't necessarily mean that they will receive the license. Questioned whether she (Amani Shaker) had been told this. Restated that she did tell Linda in the office and what her intentions were regularly and we all know that we (Trudies Treats) weren't told one was available. As the owner, she should have been spoken to, noted that she has been asking for three years. This has to be in the best interest of the Town, she is not opening a package store and believes that she would have received the license had no one applied, as her operation is a totally different function. Customers to her establishment are a different clientele than what Kahn's is (Hawden Market). Noted that this should be (issued) for what is going to serve the town better. Per Chair we did investigate and we do not get another license available when we do hit the 10,000 (population).

Judy informed the board that Townsend informed her that the town could vote per Chapter 7 of the Acts of 2009, to put a request in through town meeting to the State to request an increase in the number of licenses available. Feel she was wronged by the whole process and would like some support. Kahn Mouhadin (Hawden Park Market) noted that his store has been in operation for more than twenty years, under different owners and he is now a property owner in town and has children within the Lunenburg School System. Concern with the issuance of the beer and wine license, noted the population and that many residents go elsewhere outside of town to shop. No large chain stores and therefore no big draw, and that he does not have enough volume to even buy in quantity. Noted other establishments in the center area that offer liquor beverages and that one more beer and wine license would impact their volume and business. Referred to the two establishments located in the Whalom area and that they both have different features to offer to residents and draw different types of customers. This establishment is trying to do the exact same thing that he is doing right now.

Gary Steves, 100 Laurel Lane recently became aware of this situation a couple of weeks ago. Thought it was odd to have two convenience stores back to back. Presented a petition with a number of names of residents in town and he would think that the town would want to consider spreading these (establishments) out and noted that as a small businessman it's really important for the small businessman to have an opportunity to thrive.

Lance Rozell read the following memo to the board: to propose a solution given the following objections raised by residents and businesses concerning the last available beer and wine license in Lunenburg at the meeting-December 8 2009: 1. Most, if not all retail businesses in Lunenburg were unaware that the last remaining beer and wine license had become available. The only applicant was abutters next to Town Hall. This business became aware of the license because of it close proximity to the Town Hall giving it an unfair advantage. 2. There are already at least two beer and wine licensees concentrated within 30 yards of this new applicant. Another licensee so close would financially hurt those businesses. 3. It would group a large amount of licenses in the center of town where there is already limited parking. This applicant has almost no parking at all. 4. The location has an extremely limited capacity to offer adequate selection of beer and wine due to its size. 5. There are still many parts in Lunenburg that are without a beer and wine licensed store, they could compete with other towns for business and revenue and not just its own existing stores. It would be more convenient for residents if the licenses were dispersed. It is therefore requested that an announcement be placed in the Sentinel and a posting be made on the Town website, making the newly available beer and wine license public knowledge. Information would include an application deadline and fee. This would ensure a fair and equal application process for all interested parties.

John Baker, 53 Chase Road noted that as we've had a business that's been in town for three years, it's a clean establishment and with Mr. Mohaddin right next door would seem to make more sense to have a license a few yards not too far down the road will help any of those people.

Marion Brandt 102 Hunting Hill Road believes that putting two package stores side by side is not the way to go and would be better for an establishment like Trudies Treats.

Danielle Johnson, 85 Holman Street (Judy's daughter) informed the board that she was never told that a license was available, and that it's wrong to be told that they assumed that she never wanted the license.

Amani doesn't understand the issues, knows what she is doing and all the steps are correct. She (Judy) is looking to sell a bottle of wine, store business wouldn't hurt them like this. I've never raised my hand against anyone who has applied for a license, haven't done anything wrong and noted that people are angry about this. Came to town hall and was told that the license is available and this is why I signed a lease with the landlord for five years.

Chair questioned their store in Leominster and how close is the nearest liquor store? Per Amani she doesn't have a liquor store in Leominster. Noted that she's been working 16 hours a day for the past two weeks and with the amount she's making is not enough to even cover the rent.

Chair noted that this is not a comfortable position that any of us want to be in and because of that I put the task to the Town Manager to come forward with new procedures for the office.

Tom M., the issue before us is one application, motion to accept and grant the license to Bengal's Convenience. No one seconded and as such Chair opened discussion among the board. Paula spoke with Linda and was informed that there was interest in this license in the past and pleased with the policy that's been proposed for the board to consider.

Concerned about having two convenience stores basically having the same business on both sides of the Town Hall and really believes we need to look at demographics and whether this makes sense for the town. Would like to look at Mr. Rozell suggestion to advertise for this license.

Tom M., issue is we have one applicant before us who basically went into business based upon information that was given to them, we can either grant the license or not is the issue we should be dealing with at this point, we know that others want the license, but we have to make a decision based upon what information that we've received and noted that should we deny, they have the opportunity to appeal to the ABCC.

Chair would like the people to hear what the board members have in mind.

Dave we're getting into a circle here and to reiterate that we've never had this type of issue and noted Steve's comments last week that we have all these licenses within the center and not looking at other areas of town. Upsetting that information was given by the office but the decision is made by us, here. Noted that Mr. Rozell gave a very good recommendation, incumbent to us to look beyond what is in front of us and look down the road.

Steve noted that his name has been mentioned by two other members and that he thinks it's a sound idea to look at the town overall as you see the town's growing and we're going to have different types of homes being built and where does it make the most sense to approve these licenses.

Chair noted a third option that is a blend of things that may happen. Noted that we did not have a procedure in place and will address this. Must all recognize that this (list) not the fairest way, not trying to take sides as there was no process in place, but needs to be fair. Noted that he doesn't feel that it's up to the Selectmen to determine where a business would be located and that just because there is a liquor license available, shouldn't assume that they would receive. Would recommend that in the interim we could ask applicant to rescind their application and then we could advertise and let the applicant compete. He feels that this would be the fairest option, would require a non-refundable fee. If the applicant rescinds their application we would refund the money that the applicant has submitted, we would advertise the availability of the license and request applicants submit letters of intent and then invite applicants to come before the board to discuss their reasons for their applications.

Judy noted that she has a food store and could fill her store with items such as Elena's does but she chooses not to, noted that she has people coming from all around the State which brings people into the center of town which helps everyone and that what the Chair has presented is fair solution. She is hoping to bring lots of people into the center.

Chair reiterated that he is not for pocketing the license and waiting for something else to come along.

Tom M., noted that as the applicant said this is the United States of America and anyone can open a business, it's the competitive nature of the United States. This applicant has decided they want a beer and wine license, they want to put their convenience store next to another, that's fine, that's their decision. Some of the comments that we've heard are against the free enterprise society that we are. Paula noted that we have to look at this as a whole and simply because you've submitted an application, it's not a rubber stamp. Noted that there was a miscommunication in the office and learning that there are other individuals that are interested, need to look at the applicants and that we make the best decision for the town as a whole.

Chair if there is going to be a free enterprise competition it should be for the license itself, having opportunity to bid or apply for the license is an opportunity in itself. Chair asked if the applicant would rescind or would you want the board to vote on this tonight. Per Amani, doesn't believe this would be fair because she was told that she would receive the license, she's been at this process for months now and has already spent thousands of dollars on the business and she wants and needs the license.

Chair requested motion on the application, Tom M., move to grant the beer and wine license to Bengal's Convenience, Steve seconded. Dave reiterated that what happens downstairs is beyond our control and that it makes no sense to him to have a liquor store right next door to one that already exists. Tom M., agree with what has been said about the licenses should not be in one place within the town but we have an applicant who came before us for whatever reason she was given information and would recommend approving the license. Paula extremely unfortunate that a decision was made based upon information that this was an automatic process and don't think that having another right next door makes sense and would not support. Chair called for roll call vote of the board, Dave no, Tom M. aye, Steve no, Paula no and Tom A. no. Chair noted that we need to state in writing the cause for the denial, Paula questioned the appeal process and how long this may take and if we have an application under an appeal and would not recommend we take any further action at this time.

Chair noted that the board will be adopting procedures for future license availability and applications. We'll have to conclude on these procedures and will hold on any further public discussions.

**3. 8:00 PM, Pearl Brook Update, Eugene Capoccia** – Housing Authority Director Eugene Capoccia presented the “Low-Bid Approval” from the Department of Housing & Community Development. Also present, John Romano, president of the Housing Authority and Susan Szocik members of the Housing Authority. Eugene informed the board that they required six alternates within the bidding procedure and in putting the bid together state law requires that you must accept alternate one before two etc., Pleased to announce that there are sufficient funds to cover all of the alternates. Will be advanced \$1,501,343 from the State which covers all of the alternates, including walkways, roofs, windows, new porches, painting in addition to the basic work. Also, a new full sprinkler of all the buildings, new fire alarm system. Expressed special thanks to Tim McKenna, Barbara Schnuer and Tim Murphy who have all served on the Housing Authority board. If the board does not waive the fees then alternate 6 will have to be left off. There will also be a state inspector and will coordinate with Mike, (local Building Inspector) to assist him. We’re not there to make a profit, trying to do the right thing and for the best of all. The winning bidder is a local firm, Construction Dynamics from Fitchburg and hope that this will also bring business to town and to keep as local as possible. Chair questioned whether the bid documents included or excluded and per Eugene they were excluded as this is required by DHCD. Fees estimated to be about \$14,000 could be more or less and have approximately \$100,000. in the contingency, estimating that work will begin somewhere in January, work has begun on the burned out building. Will be looking at moving the residents during the rehab and may have a hotel style available within the other buildings for the residents to sleep.

Paula would like to thank the plumbing and electrical inspectors for the offer to waive their fees.

Steve noted that having a \$100,000 contingency is hard for him to approve waiving fees with a \$11,000 contingency when we’re asking employees to furlough. Puts him in a position where he’s not comfortable with waiving the fees because of the furlough request, Mike’s going to be there and this goes all the way down the line.

Paula noted that this is a good point, and would like to know specifically what fees he’s looking to be waived and per Eugene, he’s looking for all fees to be waived. We’ll never receive the money if we reduce the contingency and the state will not allow us to move ahead with less contingency. Chair has no problem waiving these fees as this serves a population of the town that housing really needs to be addressed and has for a number of years, don’t want to jeopardize the project.

Paula would like to solicit some input from the Fire Department would like to understand if there is an impact of their waiving of the fees.

Per Fire Chief, Scott Glenn, we do waive fees and would support waiving our fees in order to get this project done and get the fire protection in those buildings. Also, noted that the Water District has their own established fees and these are beyond what the town can waive.

Tom M., move to approve waiving the town fees for plumbing, electrical, fire and building permit fees, Steve seconded, voted unanimously.

## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

### **1. Manager Updates - none**

➤ **Wireless Update** – Nancy Strom, IT Director submitted the attached information on the Town’s Wireless system on what the upgrade involved. Chair would like to know what the breakdown is between the labor and the materials ordered. Steve questioned what the project was and questioned how this was requested, what was the intent for this project, this is a question for the Town Manager and Nancy’s predecessor.

Dave questioned how do we as an organization get to a project of this size and didn’t go through the bid process how this got past the fail safes in place. Main question is how do you put a job out there without a scope of work and how does it get awarded and how do they get paid. We’re trying to work backwards to determine what the vendor actually did without a scope, we don’t know what was done on the contract. Laura informed the board that as this was a State Bid Contract the bidding process didn’t have to be followed as this was done by the state in awarding to specific vendors that met their specifications. Nancy noted that the problems at the High School are not related to the network. Paula questioned putting the data center at the High School and whether this is a viable option and per Nancy, not until we fully understand what has been done in the High School, need to understand the cabling, switches and broadcasting, need to pull it down and get it working correctly. Nancy is working with the CAC (Computer Advisory Committee) to have them assist her in labeling the cables, to see what is in there. Tom M., questioned if this had gone before Capital Planning and Dave noted that this had been presented through the Capital Planning Committee. Chair needs to have input from the Town Manager as to internal procedural questions. Paula noted that the town really needs to streamline procedures and identify ways how to eliminate redundant work and would encourage Nancy to move forward with that Capital Plan as its’ going to be money well spent if we can fix the internal problems.

➤ **Unutil – Vegetation Management Plan** - Tabled

**2. BAN Renewal** – Board reviewed and signed the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for \$473,025.00, Date of Issue is December 23, 2009 for the portion of the \$4,154,298 (Water & Wastewater Improvements, Meadow Woods) that was authorized by the Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 2006. Per Jeff, once the remainder of the grant comes in this will be paid off, this is the remainder of what’s left in the grant funds and we expect to receive this within the next three months.

Per Paula as a Sewer Commissioner noted that we are experiencing a problem with one of the components with the VFD at the Mass Ave. pump station and a VFD should have been included in the bid package and now realize that it wasn’t. We have requested that

Jack and Kerry go back to the state to see if the cost of this (\$15,000) be incorporated into the costs of the project and that this should have been incorporated into the design and would like to know if we have the opportunity to investigate using the grant funds. To be verified with the Town Manager.

Steve motion to approve the BAN, Tom M., seconded voted unanimously.

**3. Bond Authorization** - We, the Selectmen and the Treasurer of the Town of Lunenburg, Massachusetts (the "Town"), certify that we have signed each of the \$1,515,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2009 Bonds (the "Bonds") of the Town dated December 15, 2009 payable August 15 of the years and in the principal amounts, and bearing interest at the respective rates as follows:

Year	Amount	Interest Rate	Year	Amount	Interest Rate
2010	\$250,000	3.00%	2014	\$200,000	2.00%
2011	240,000	3.00	2015	200,000	2.50
2012	225,000	3.00	2016	200,000	2.50
2013	200,000	2.00			

We, the said officers, also certify as follows: 1. Authority The Bonds are issued pursuant to a vote of the Selectmen adopted at a meeting duly called and held on December 15, 2009 and the following statutes and votes of the Town: (a) \$760,000 - under G.L. c.44, §7(9) and a vote of the Town passed May 5, 2007 (Article 8); (b) \$431,000- under G.L. c.44, §7(25) and votes of the Town passed December 5, 2006 (Article 1), which vote amended the votes of the Town passed May 6, 2006 (Article 15) and November 7, 2006; (c) \$249,000 - under G.L. c.44, §7(9) and a vote of the Town passed May 3, 2008 (Article 9); and (d) \$75,000 - under G.L. c.44, §8(24) and a vote of the Town passed May 5, 2007 (Article 13). These bonds are for \$760,000 to purchase of 6 wheel dump truck with plow and sander, a multipurpose snow/sweep/trimmer, and a rescue pumper, \$431,000 construction of athletic facilities, installation of irrigation, bleachers, fencing, lighting, and storage building with sanitary facilities, \$249,000 purchase of ambulance and associated equipment and replace school dishwasher, stoves, freezers and coolers, \$75,000 cover system repairs and post-closure activities at Young's Road Landfill. Steve seconded, voted unanimously. Chair would like to come up with some tangible reasoning behind the impact of the bond rating going up two positions, what does this mean and per Jeff, can check with Financial Advisors.

**4. Minutes** – Board of Selectmen regular session for 12/8/09 reviewed and signed.

**Warrants** – 11M 10, 12/4/09 - \$654.00, #32 10, 12/10/09 - \$161,051.76, #33 10, 12/15/09 - \$422,570.85 and #12M 10, 12/17/09 - \$51, 710.57 reviewed and signed.

**Action File Issues** – Chair would ask the Library Board of Trustees to forward the letter requesting a waiver to the State and provide a copy to the board so that they can speak with our reps to get this approved.

**5. Town Hall Holiday Hours** – Town Hall will be closed Thursday 12/24/09 and Friday 12/25/09 for the Christmas Holiday and Friday 1/1/10 for New Years Day. Offices will be open on 12/23/09 and 12/31/09 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Hours will be posted on website tomorrow.

**6. License Renewals** – Board reviewed the attached list of license renewals and holds were placed on a number of establishments because of outstanding taxes and fees and questioned whether a payment plan has been in place.

Per Jeff the only one that has a payment plan in place is the Lakeview Club and they have remained current. None of the others are on a payment plan. The law states that I should report to the licensing authority if it's more than a year in arrears. Per Steve it's been our policy that if they didn't have a payment schedule in place then they wouldn't be reissued a license. They needed to have a payment schedule in force and if it fell apart, then the licensee would have to come back before the board. Paula would like to vote to approve all licenses as listed on the correspondence dated 11/30/09 contingent upon all of the individuals that owe back taxes or fees make a formal payment agreement with the tax collector, don't need to necessarily need to know what it is. Chair in the future would like to have all license renewal on for the first week in December so that we have time to notify the applicants. Paula motion to approve as listed contingent upon all the individuals showing outstanding taxes and fees making a payment schedule with the Treasurer, Board of Selectmen office to contact 14 property owners and inform them that the licenses will not be released until a payment schedule has been in place, called for vote, voted unanimously.

Tom M., would like to review beginning of next year to know where we stand on this.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Committee Updates –

- Paula informed the board that MRPC is looking for stimulus money for the extension of the railway line to Routes 2 and 31. Emerald Place project is moving forward with tree removal and site work within the property. Also that there was an ANR plan between the split of land between the Powell and Padula businesses (Leominster Shirley Road). That plan was submitted and taken under advisement pending due process as the plan needs to go through the process of reviews from other town boards. The Planning Board will be holding a meeting specifically for that and this is scheduled for the last week of December.

Planning Board discussed the Earth Removal permit that was before the Selectmen and it was noted that any earth removal process should have language in place that refers that applicant to the Planning Board as they also must comply with our Stormwater Management Bylaw. Also noted that applicant (Buja's, Arbor Street) withdrew the request.

- Paula also noted that the Sewer Commission is requesting a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the IMA's sometime in mid to late January, possibly in a workshop setting. The Commission is currently awaiting a proposal from Weston & Sampson.
- Dave Capital Planning has been reviewing the form B's that were submitted. Police submitted VHF upgrade - \$45,000 so that we'll have at least 98% coverage in town. Again new cruiser upgrade, normal rotation.

**2. West Street Parcels, Declaration Surplus Land – Minimum Bids** – tabled as Kerry would like to review.

**3. SAFER Grant Applications** – Chief Glenn came before the board to discuss the SAFER Grant potential with budget worksheets. Federal grant through FEMA, estimated cost projections are on the high side as the grant gives you what you apply for as to what it may cost. Would be for hiring four full time Firefighters/EMT's and would put two people in the station overnight. Leaves one 24 hour period that would still have to be covered with per diem people to get the first piece of equipment out the door. At some point we realize that we'll have to start manning the department 24/7 and know that with the anticipated growth from the Tri-Town and Whalom developments we'll need to address manning. The grant wouldn't be award until close to July for FY10 and would be for the two years.

Dave questioned if there would be an impact to the grant if we hired a lesser amount of personnel, and Chief is not sure as we're border lining the requirements of the grant because we are asking for the lesser amount of people. Per Tom M., this is something that we've been aware and knew that we're going to have to address but on the other hand we have no money. Per Scott cost wise there should be some give and take because you'll be using two individuals that are already in the station and only have to call out two additional personnel, also some allowance because of overtime. Believes that the grant process may be around for a couple of years. Chair noted that given what we've gone through at town meeting he can't support this and recognized that the Chief was only doing his job in presenting the option to the town. Steve noted that we're all in the same boat and in his opinion, this is a budget buster. Chair would expect that by next year we should be able to realize where we're going to be financially with the increased population and revenue from the developments.

Tom M., move to approve the SAFER Grant application, Steve seconded, unanimous vote to disapprove.

## **APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

None

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **1. Pending litigations @ 10:16 pm.**

Being no further business board voted unanimously to adjourn Regular Session at 10:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Williams, Chief Administrative Assistant  
Board of Selectmen

